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TELEGRAPHIC.

(As the telegraph line is down between here and Battleford we are without our usual telegrams.)

LOCAL.

River still clear of ice.

Slight rain on Thursday night, and high wind.

Ploughing is still continued in favorable localities.

Sixteen bored wells were put down in this settlement last summer.

Flour and bacon for Capt. Moore form part of McPherson's loads.

A singing class has been organized, to be held in the Methodist church.

Mr. J. Turner, of Hamilton, Ont., arrived company with Mr. J. Walters on Saturday.

Roads are still bad, as the creeks and swamps are not frozen hard enough to bear yet.

Sales of H.B.Co. town lots have been suspended for the present until the survey is completed.

The threshers are not half done yet. The toll is from the tenth to the twelfth bushel, or eight to ten cents a bushel cash.

The telegraph line went down between here and Battleford on Monday night. A repairer has been despatched to set the matter right.

Word has been brought in from the south that the Grayburn murderer has been tried, found guilty and sentenced to death at Fort McLeod.

Rev. Canon Newby will deliver a lecture the first of a series to-morrow evening at seven o'clock in All Saint's Church, on "The Credulity and Folly of Atheism."

About 25 feet of the H.B.Co. stockade was blown down on Thursday forenoon last. If the whole of it was blown down it would help the health and comfort of the inmates of the Fort.

W. Youva and W. McKay, of Selkirk, arrived, per backboard, on Thursday noon, five weeks out from Winnipeg, via Qu'Appelle and the telegraph crossing of the South Branch. From Qu'Appelle to the South Branch there was six inches of snow.

Coal that was taken out last winter has, contrary to expectation, kept well all summer without shelter and is now being used. A thin layer on the outside slacked down fine, and it protected the rest, which is still as bright and sound as when first dug.

Mr. J. Brown brought in El. McPherson's race horse, Boston Bay, on Wednesday night. He is a thoroughbred Kentucky stallion, fifteen and a half hands high, three years old, brown, with black points. He looks well considering the hard trip, but is a little thin.

L. Kelly and Mr. Haney returned from a prospecting trip up the river on Friday last. They were unable to do much, as ice began to run in the river as soon as they got to their destination, about 100 miles up. They then started down in a boat, and after coming some distance they found the river frozen across and the ice jammed in fearful piles. They then took a sleigh and travelled on the ice until they came to Stoney Rapids. From there the river was open. They then made a raft and came the rest of the way on it.

In two hours at an auction sale in Winnipeg the H.B.Co. sold thirty-two lots for \$123,000. In one month they sold upwards of 500,000 acres in town lots and farming lands, of this, 25,000 acres of the farming lands brought \$5 an acre.

The Herald says Mr. Barclay, C.E., had located the railway line and made a crossing at Red Deer Forks. We suppose this means the main or northern line of the C.P.R.

DISPUTED CLAIMS.

Some time ago the settlers holding claims adjoining the H.B.Co. property to the east decided, in the absence of any Government action in the matter, to have their dividing lines run by the surveyor who had been laying out the H.B.Co. town plot. After considerable discussion, it was decided to run the lines north and south, and back three miles from the river. When this had been done a plan was to be sent to Ottawa, with a petition asking the Government to recognize the survey. These lines were accordingly run to the entire satisfaction of the front settlers, but their claim to a three mile extension back is disputed by others who have settled on what is, according to the survey, the back end of their claims. When the front claims were first taken up they were supposed to run in a north-westerly direction, at right angles with the general course of the river, but since that time the H.B.Co. reserve around the Fort was laid out, with the lines running north and south. It was therefore necessary, in order to allow each claim its full distance back, that the lines should be run parallel with the Company's. The parties objecting to the survey were settled on Red Creek at the time when the lines were supposed to run north-west and south-east, and when no one had taken the river claims that they supposed they were on. They built on, lived on, and improved their claims, and now they protest against and refuse to recognize a survey that will make a clean sweep of their improvements for the benefit of others and leave them with nothing. It was supposed that an amicable arrangement could be made amongst the settlers themselves, and certainly could have been, had it not been for the H.B.Co.'s land being surveyed north and south, but now it appears as if nothing can be done to arrange matters until the Government takes it in hand. Land at Edmonton is held at high figures now, and no man feels like giving up a foot to his neighbor. In the meantime the uncertainty is operating greatly to the disadvantage of both the place and people. Had the Government, with a reasonably watchful eye to the welfare of the settlers, caused the surveys to be proceeded with as soon as the base lines were run, two years ago, all this trouble would have been avoided and settlement would have advanced with double the rapidity it has done.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Weather report for week ending Thursday evening, 10th November, 1881. Reported for the BULLETIN by Mr. Geo. Slack Wood, observer at Edmonton.

	Min.	Max.
Friday,	27	43
Saturday,	23	47
Sunday,	27	42
Monday,	27	37
Tuesday,	23	32
Wednesday,	15	31
Thursday,	25	44

Average minimum temperature, 25.3.
Average maximum temperature, 40.9.

Fully an inch of snow fell on Tuesday night, but chinook wind Thursday rapidly melted it.

Weather cloudy and breezy. Highest wind at any regular observation on Wednesday, being fourteen miles per hour, but Thursday morning at 10:30, two hours before regular noon observation, wind recorded 23 miles per hour.

A dance of the Moquis Indians of Arizona, in which they carry rattlesnakes in their mouths and hands, is described in the papers. It must be an exciting if not a pleasant dance.

The electric light is used in a lighthouse at Marseilles, France, and the cost is only one-seventh as much as that of the light used previously.

The land office at Prince Albert has been opened.

GENERAL NEWS.

WHEAT is worth 80 cents per bushel in Winnipeg.

An electric railway is in operation in Upper Silesia, Germany. It may be said to go with the rapidity of lightning.

The papers are all busy giving opinions in regard to President Arthur, and they are not of the most favorable kind.

A HURRICANE in Michigan, on Sept. 21st, blew down 2,000,000 feet of timber near Allwood's station and killed two men.

Two regular trains each way now run on the C.P.R. between Winnipeg and Brandon. Two will be express and passenger and two freight.

A ship canal through Spain, from the Bay of Biscay to the Mediterranean, is talked of, to cost \$500,000,000. Money must be plentiful in that country.

Four hundred bushels of wheat in half a day is what a machine threshed in London (Ont.) township lately. Can any of our threshers come up to that?

JAMES and W. Pecheely, arraigned at the Middlesex fall assizes for aiding in the murder of Thomas and William Donnelly. The case was put off until next assizes, bail being refused.

LARGE contributions have been made in Canada for the relief of the survivors of the bush fires in Michigan. The majority of the settlers in the burnt districts were Canadian.

The train boy nuisance has been abated on the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Travellers in the North-West would bear the train boy for the sake of the train just now.

ORRIGANS without number are still reported from Ireland, and of the usual blood thirsty character, but a number of the people of the less violent class are disposed to give the Gladstone Land Act a fair trial.

THE Americans fear that the Erie Canal, which has done so much to build up towns in New York State, is being superseded by the St. Lawrence route, now that the Canadian canals have been enlarged. The change will affect New York to the benefit of Montreal.

THE Credit Valley Railway of Ontario has been completed from Toronto to St. Thomas at a cost of \$1,000,000. It will connect at St. Thomas with the Canada Southern and at Toronto with the Ontario & Quebec. This forming part of a new through line partly under the influence of the all-powerful Syndicate.

A SCHEME is afoot to start smelting furnaces in Hamilton, using crude petroleum as fuel, and converting the ore into steel at a single operation. If the project should be successful, the immense deposits of iron in the northern part of Ontario would become of great value, instead of being as they are at present, utterly worthless.

THE boiler of a steam thresher exploded near Belleville, Ont., on the farm of Mr. Geo. Caldwell, on the 22nd of September. Three men and a little girl, who were near the engine, were instantly killed, and a number of others severely injured, some of whom may die. One of the men was blown 192 paces and another nearly as far.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR in his proclamation says: "Whereas, in His inscrutable wisdom it has pleased God to remove from us the illustrious head of the nation, James A. Garfield," etc., but the London Free Press thinks it was the wicked lunacy of Guitteau and not the inscrutable wisdom of Providence that should be held responsible, and accordingly demands Guitteau's gore.

THERE is such a scarcity of money among the farmers of the State of Mississippi that numbers of them were obliged to mortgage their growing crops to procure the necessities of life, and pay for loan at the rate of from fifty to one hundred and fifty per cent. per annum. The Saskatchewan may be too far north for successful farming, but matters are not quite as bad as that here yet.

GENERAL NEWS.

CROES in England are below the average. During August, 146 patents were issued by Government.

A DOMINION exhibition has been held in Halifax this year.

FOUR tunnels in two miles on the C. P. R. near Yale, B. C.

MANUFACTURES in Britain are said to have fallen off £83,000,000.

BRANDON had a population of only 150 last August, but was growing fast.

MONTREAL Bank stock is worth 198, Bank of Toronto 156 and Merchants 124.

CHICAGO had thirteen murderers in jail and thirteen at large at one time lately.

FIFTY passenger trains ran to and from Montreal daily during exhibition time.

A SEAL has been seen in the St. Lawrence near Montreal. The first in three years.

THE Grand Trunk Railway Co. is laying a double track between Toronto and Montreal.

THE school fund of Texas will soon amount to \$10,000,000, the largest by far of any State.

FOURTEEN car loads of Clydesdale horses were imported into Canada in one lot last season.

MEASURES are being taken to organize a new Canadian telegraph company to oppose Gould's monopoly. Good!

A LARGE meeting of tenant farmers of the County Down have expressed themselves as pleased with the Irish Land Bill.

THE Bell Telephone company in Montreal now undertakes to call up subscribers at any hour of the night they may desire.

THE western extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway is now completed as far as Mattawa, 160 miles above Pembroke.

IN the Pennsylvania oil region 20 wells, 20 tanks and 40 million barrels of petroleum have been destroyed by forest fires this season.

EXCURSION tickets from Toronto to Winnipeg and return, on the Great Western via Chicago, were \$59 during the past summer.

THE amount of duty collected at the port of Toronto for the month of August last was \$321,937, an increase of \$122,000 over last year.

MEAT shipments from Australia by the cold air process have resulted satisfactorily. Fresh mutton brought sevenpence per pound in London, Eng.

GEN. CARR's command of 110 men and seven officers have been killed by Apache Indians of the White Mountain reservation near Tuscon, Arizona.

FORTY-FIVE Icelanders have left their homes in Musquodoboit, and are on their way to Manitoba. The remaining families intend to follow them shortly.

WALKERTON is a new town in Manitoba, located in section 15, township 5, Sharon, range 6 west. The completed portion of the town is the registry office.

SITTING BULL and his followers, 200 in number, are soon to be removed to Fort Randall, and will be sent as prisoners of war and not as pensioners in any sense.

VANDERBILT has cut down prices against the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio and Grand Trunk railways. He sells tickets from Chicago to Boston and return for \$10.

OF the emigrants who arrived in Ontario last month 732 remained there, 77 passed through to Manitoba and 763 Germans and Norwegians went to the United States.

A STAFF of surveyors have proceeded to survey and locate the Winnipeg & Hudson's Bay Railway from the head of Lake Winnipeg to the head of navigation on the Nelson River.

WORK is being pushed on the Coaticook, P. E., beet sugar factory by 120 men. Should the enterprise be successful, dwellers in the Saskatchewan will be able to see a road to cheap sugar.

A DRUNKEN Yorkshire well-sinker lately put an end to himself by exploding a dynamite cartridge in his mouth. Strangely enough, although his tongue, teeth, palate and maxillary bones were blown to pieces, the skin of the cheeks and lips remained intact, and, except for extravasation of blood about the eyes, there was little to show externally the cause of his death.

THE C. P. R.

The Globe of August 26th says: "General Rosser, Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has returned from a visit to the end of the survey. He drove the entire distance with a team, the journey there and back occupying two weeks. He reports that the air line between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie is all under contract, and will be open for traffic on the first of October. West of Portage la Prairie the rails are laid two miles beyond Pine Creek, and continue to be laid at the rate of one and a half miles per day. The grading of the line is finished to Brandon, and four miles beyond it. Piles are being delivered on the banks of the Assiniboine at Brandon, and pile driving for the new bridge will commence immediately. This structure will be completed in time for traffic to Brandon on the first of October. The General reports that the contractor is at work over the entire main line and projected branches within the Province and twenty miles into the North-West Territories. The Chief Engineer went as far west as Weed Hills on the River Qu'Appelle, to which point the line has been located by Mr. Brereton. At that point the engineer connects with Barclay, who has located the line still further west to Old Wives Lake, crossing the Qu'Appelle at Moose Jaw Creek. The General further reports Major Rogers as having completed his reconnaissance of the Rocky Mountains, and that he has effected a junction with the survey parties under Hyndman at old Bow Fort, beyond Fort Calgary. Rogers will here direct the men to make instrumental surveys of the passes he has reconnoitred, and is very sanguine of ultimate success."

A GERMAN delegation has been visiting Canada and been entertained by the Minister of Agriculture, part of expenses paid by the Dominion, with an eye to secure German emigration.

THIRTY-FIVE Scandinavian editors from different parts of the United States have been visiting Manitoba and the North-West, posting themselves for the benefit of their fellow-countrymen in Europe.

THE Pacific Syndicate have advertised for tenders for the construction of the Sault Ste. Marie branch of the C.P.R. from near Algoma Mills on Lake Huron to a point near the north side of Spanish River, a distance of sixty miles.

NEVADA papers regret to see five-cent pieces in circulation on the Comstock. They say that "no surer sign of the decay of the locality could be presented." They hold that a "bit," 12 1-2 cents is small enough for any country that isn't going down hill.

MR. PERRAULT's efforts to secure a line of French steamers to Canada have at last been successful. It is now announced that the first vessel of the line will leave Havre this fall, and that the vessel will trade with Brazil as well as Canada. Every one will wish the new project the most abundant success.

KAMLOOPS, the first settlement across the Mountains, on the trail from Edmonton via the Jasper House, is thus spoken of by a correspondent of the Globe: "Once the railway is in working order as far as Savona's ferry, Kamloops must become a very important centre. It is on the lake of that name, which, with its tributary streams, is navigable for many hundred miles. The section is a good agricultural one. Large tracts of excellent land are to be had. The town will be the great distributing point for an extensive agricultural and mining country. Already it is even named as the future capital of British Columbia."

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LOCAL.

FRESH pork is 20 cents per pound.

MAIL left Sunday evening at six o'clock.

THE clearing of Main street has commenced.

FLOUR which is scarce at Edmonton is scarcer still at Ft. Saskatchewan.

MR. D. ROSS has purchased the billiard table brought up by Mr. J. Gore.

MR. J. A. McDONALD's grain warehouse and hall was completed on Tuesday last.

THE ferryman is said to have made \$100 on the ensuing Sunday after Walter's arrival.

THERE are several cases of low fever at St. Albert settlement. One of them has resulted fatally.

A. MEDILL, Mr. Verey, C. Burrows, and Moiese Barland left for Winnipeg on Monday last by cars.

HARDISTY & FRASER's new mill has been shut down for the season, as they have no more logs on hand.

THE mill man on his last trip up passed a blacksmithing outfit about 120 miles from Battleford on their way to this place.

OWING to high water comparatively little gold has been taken out of the river this summer. The miners have all quit work for the season.

MR. M. McCauley will collect subscriptions to the school building fund, assisted by Mr. John Cameron, treasurer of the board of trustees.

THRESHING is nearly completed on the north side of the river at Ft. Saskatchewan, but work has not yet been commenced on the south side.

SINCE the 1st of June last, 24 buildings have been erected in the Ft. Saskatchewan settlement, and besides many improvements have been made on old ones.

J. WALTERS arrived with his train on Saturday night last from Winnipeg, via Hay Lakes. He brought a wire cable, weighing 1,100 lbs., to use on his ferry next summer.

A LOAN of \$500 worth of lumber, at \$30 per thousand, has been negotiated by the public school trustees with Mr. J. Norris. Time, a year from the first of January next, with interest at 10 per cent.

THE half-mile race last Saturday between Colin Fraser's Young Rorie and A. McNicol's Black, resulted in favor of Fraser by half a length. The stakes were \$25 a side. Very little outside betting, as no one would back the winner.

AN acute form of dementia, succeeded by periods of temporary paralysis, has been prevalent in this neighborhood during the past week. It is supposed to be caused by certain fluids taken into the system, sometimes in connection with water.

AS a daughter of Mr. J. Price, of Little Mountain, was playing with some other children at the Belmont school house, on Friday last, she was pushed over and her collar bone broken. She was sent up to the Fort on the mail wagon and the bone was set by Dr. Verey. She was taken home again on Saturday.

OUR ecclesiastical editor was away last week and we made two mistakes in our church news. Rev. Mr. Baird was sent here by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and not by the Presbytery of Manitoba as stated by us. And the name of Mr. Murdoch McLeod was omitted from the committee of management of the Presbyterian church here.

DONALD McLEOD rises to remark in reference to the new trail made by him through the Moose Mountain, south of the chain of lakes, that he made it at his own expense, that he has not received nor does he expect to receive a dollar of Government money for it, and that, as the prairie is wide and free to all, those who do not like his road are not obliged to follow it.

COL. JARVIS has withdrawn his resignation from the police force which was tendered because he did not approve of the working of the force by Col. Irvine. On account of his resignation not having been accepted, but his services being dispensed with without any charges being preferred, he has now requested a thorough investigation into his conduct and that of the commissioner, as well as other officers of the force.

SCHOOL MEETING.

A public meeting, in relation to school matters, was held in Mr. M. McCauley's house on Friday evening of last week. The object of the meeting was to consider the tenders that had been received for the construction of a school house on the plan proposed by the trustees, to see what progress had been made in other matters, and to decide what further and final action should be taken. It was thought by the trustees that matters should be pushed as quickly as possible on account of the lateness of the season, which was the reason the meeting was called on such short notice. Only five persons were present besides the trustees. Considerable diffidence was felt by those present as to taking action, on account of the smallness of the meeting and the fact that the subscription lists, which had been sent out the Big Lake road for signatures, had not been yet returned. On Mr. Macrae assuring those present that, to his own personal knowledge, there would be \$600 subscribed, a meeting was organized by the election of Mr. John Cameron as chairman. The different tenders were then read by Mr. Cameron, and it was decided by the meeting that Oliver & McDonald's tender for \$968, exclusive of chimney, be accepted, if the trustees could make suitable arrangements for the raising and paying of the money. It was then moved and carried that the trustees be empowered to negotiate a loan of \$500 to be used for school purposes, and to arrange the details of such loan. Also that the trustees be empowered to arrange a price at which lumber, etc., will be accepted as payment for the construction of the school house, and collect or appoint a collector to collect all sums subscribed for that purpose.

MR. Macrae asked if the trustees had purchased two lots besides the two granted and two applied for as a further grant.

MR. McCauley said, on behalf of the trustees, that they had only been able to get four lots together in a suitable place, and so they had not tried to purchase any more, besides they thought the four lots sufficient. Application for the grant of the two additional lots had been made by Mr. McGinn.

IT was then moved and carried that the trustees be empowered to finally let the contract and proceed with all necessary arrangements without further delay, after which the meeting adjourned.

THE new Welland Canal is now being used.

A MAN named Bashey, living near Kingston, is 102 years old.

SNOW fell to a considerable depth at Des Moines, Iowa, on Sept. 16th.

A CHARTER is being asked for "The Planter's Bank," to have its head office in Toronto.

DIPHTHERIA has been very prevalent and fatal in Russia of late years. In some districts all the children under 15 have died. In Pula-twa there has been 45,000 cases, 18,700 of which were fatal.

IT is said that the C. P. R. Co. are selling lands along their South-Western branch, although the lands have not been earned, while the Manitoba & South-Western will not receive their grant until they have fifty miles of the road completed.

GREAT difficulty is experienced in getting the requisite number of recruits for the North-West Mounted Police to replace those whose terms have expired. A large number are deserting. Recruiting agents will canvass all parts of the Dominion, and to prevent desertions while en route to the North-West, recruits will be sworn before starting, specially guarded while passing through the States, and taken by the most direct route to Winnipeg.

HANLAN, on Sept 12th, issued a challenge to Wallace Ross or any other man in the world, to row a three or four mile race for from two to five thousand dollars a side on a course to be mutually agreed upon, six or seven weeks from date, and deposited \$500 with the sporting editor of the Mail, to show that he meant business. This race is to end his career as a professional oarsman. Ross has accepted the challenge and will row by the end of November.

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ASSISTED COLONIES.

Our telegrams of last week speak of a Mr. Beath, the Scottish, Ontario & Manitoba Land Co.'s Commissioner, having taken up two townships in the Shell River district, and about to take other land at Carrot River, presumably, to settle a colony on next summer. A gigantic Government scheme of Irish emigration in colonies is being organized, and a system of German emigration by colonies is talked of, but the papers of last mail speak of another scheme of the same kind, in comparison to which these and all others that ever existed are insignificant. Nothing less than the endeavor to form a company to purchase and develop 2,000,000 acres of land in the North-West, half to be purchased from the Syndicate and half from the Government. The company is being formed in London, England, and the idea is to assist intending settlers to start, the money advanced to be returned in the future with interest. This, with the increased value of land in the neighborhood of settlements, is where the speculation lies. No doubt if a company can be formed with sufficient capital, the land will be sold to them.

At first sight the idea seems to be good. The Government get ready cash for land that is doing them no good and which no one is settling on, while the company takes in land to settle it and make money out of the operation—a good bargain for both parties. But it is a question whether the system of assisted emigration by colonies is an unmixed benefit either to the colonist or the country which he colonizes, and the policy of handing land over to speculators in either large or small quantities, even for a cash consideration, is just as questionable. Assisted emigrants must necessarily be of the poorer and more dependant classes, and the fact of their receiving assistance gives them a feeling of dependence and indifference that has always been fatal to their success. Dozens of assisted colonies have been planted in America, and no single instance can be pointed out in which the experiment was successful, from the first settlements in Canada to the Rugby colony in Tennessee. Places where such colonies have been planted have turned out well in after years, but not until free settlers have come in and put life into the dry bones. It is also questionable whether it is well for the Government, for the sake of cash in hand, to give up the land to speculators. Settlers may be brought in a little more quickly for the time being, but the company must get its return. That return will never come from the assisted emigrants, it must come from those who come after with money in their pockets and without assistance, and every dollar that the company receives for the land over the price paid for it is a direct loss to the country. If the land was not explored, if it was un-

fertile, if it was not likely to rise in price, if there was no demand for land by men who are prepared to assist themselves on it, the speculation might be good, but when it is thoroughly explored, when it is known to be exceptionally fertile, when it will, beyond a doubt, increase in value 50 or 100 fold within the next few years, when it is now being settled on far in advance of survey, and every day hundreds of men from all parts of the Dominion are paying their way to the States to get land there, it seems to be the most outrageous folly to let the land pass out of the hands of the people for a merely nominal consideration. Money is surely not so scarce that it must be raised at so great a cost.

If the Government surveyed the land and simply gave it away to actual settlers, the money which these settlers would otherwise have to pay for the land would be expended in improvements instead of being sent out of the country, and the fact that land could be got so would attract thousands who now go elsewhere to make their homes. Such a policy would increase the wealth of the country at large, and thereby that of the Government, ten times more rapidly than the most feasible looking scheme of assisted emigration can ever do.

THE editor of the Belleville Intelligencer is at present making a tour through the North-West. In writing to that journal from Rapid City, 8th August, he gives his views of the temperance movement in the following style: "The cry of temperance I think will avail but little, and as far as my personal convictions go I never want to see it succeed. None who have travelled and felt the necessity of unstinted conveniences would ever enroll their names under the banner of prohibition or allow themselves to become connected with any such move; close out the liquor traffic and you bar the doors of a nation's vitality and seal her progress for ever. Liquor is the great lubricator of the world's machinery, the oil of our mercantile interest, the power which forces the shafts and slides of our ship 'Politics,' and one of the great causes which leads a large majority of men to have a concern for their country's advancement and prosperity. Nowhere will you find a class of men who take a greater interest in politics and things concerning the nation than they who are engaged in the manufacture and sale of liquor; go where you may, they are the same the world over, a free, liberal and open-hearted people, ready to patronize and assist any useful undertaking. The license law in Winnipeg has proved itself to be there, as in all other places, a mighty instrument in the city's development. It has made of a strange place, a home for whoever may visit it, changed it from its old original half-breed state to the more cultivated features of modern civilization, with hotel buildings which, with their fine and striking appearance, furnish some of the main ornaments of the city. The usefulness of such a line of industry will always be felt, and whatever may be the reasons put forth, and how great the clamor of the prohibitionists against it, it shall roll on like the mighty deep with ceaseless and irresistible motion." Considering that the prohibitory law has been in force and enforced in the North-West for eight years, is acknowledged by all who have had an opportunity of judging that it has conduced more to the peace, prosperity and general welfare of the country than anything else, and that an overwhelming majority of the people are in favor of its continued and rigid enforcement, we hope to be excused for calling the above extract a piece of most unmitigated rot.

THE papers speak of the North-West Navigation Co. Not wishing any harm to the Winnipeg & Western we hope it is a new company to run on the Saskatchewan. The river is big enough for two lines of boats.

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